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VIA FACSIMILE & U.S. MAIL

Alva E. Smith
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999 E Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20463

Re: MUR 4766
Philip Morris Inc.


Dear Ms. Smith:

Philip Morris Incorporated was notified on July 7, 1998, that the Federal Election Commission had received a complaint, which has been designated as Matter Under Review 4766. As the Commission will be advised by separate correspondence, Philip Morris designated Bopp, Coleson & Bostrom on July 21, 1998, to represent it in this matter.

Pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(1), Philip Morris has the opportunity to demonstrate in writing within 15 days of notification why the Commission should take no further action. Our response would be due on July 22, 1998. We respectfully request an extension of 15 days to respond, which would be August 6, 1998. Because we have just been retained, the additional time is necessary for us to fully apprise ourselves of the facts and the complex legal issues in order to be able to present the Commission with an appropriate response.

Sincerely,

BOPP, COLESON & BOSTROM


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